

REMARKS

In the Amendment filed February 10, 2004, the text of the withdrawn claims was inadvertently omitted from the complete listing of claims. In this Supplemental Amendment, the claims which were amended in the February 10, 2004 Amendment are listed, together with claims 12-17, which were withdrawn from consideration as drawn to a non-elected invention.

In the February 10, 2004 Amendment, Applicants also amended portions of the specification to correct typographical errors. These amendments to the specification are repeated herein.

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For the Examiner's convenience, the Remarks portion of the February 10, 2004 Remarks Section is repeated here.

In reply to the Office Action dated November 10, 2003, Applicants have canceled claim 1, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof. Claims 2, 5, and 11 have been rewritten to incorporate the recitations of canceled claim 1. Claims 2-17 remain pending, with claims 2-11 being under current consideration and claims 12-17 being withdrawn as drawn to a non-elected invention.

In the previous Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 2-4 and 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. In response to the Examiner's indefiniteness rejection, Applicants have amended claims 2 and 7-9. As a result of

these amendments, claims 2-4 and 7-10 fully comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Additionally, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,141,196 to *Arnold et al.* In view of the cancellation of claim 1, without prejudice or disclaimer, the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection of claim 1 is deemed moot.

The Examiner deemed claims 2-4 and 7 allowable if the § 112, 2nd paragraph rejection were overcome and if claims 5, 6, and 11 were rewritten in independent form. Applicants have so complied and respectfully request timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance.


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